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CHANGES IN THE FACULTY

The retirement of Mr. A. S. Root as Principal of the School and the appointment of Mr. Ernest J. Reece as his successor was noted in the last number of *Library School Notes*. Mr. Root went back to Oberlin July 31st, and Mr. Reece is expected to reach New York about the 15th of August.

At the close of the year Miss Catherine E. Tracey, who had been a teacher in the School almost since its beginning, presented her resignation to take effect September 1, 1917. Beginning with instruction in technical German and technical French, Miss Tracey had later added the work of instruction in the history of printing and in library economy and during the last two years she had also taken the responsibility for the theses and bibliographies of the Senior year. She has given devoted service to the school and her fidelity to the details of the burdensome work carried by her, her willingness to undertake many disagreeable tasks in addition to her regular work, her kindness and patience in helping the students, both before and after graduation, have made for her a large place in the affection of her pupils and many regrets have been expressed at her withdrawal from the work. The best wishes of the School and of her many pupils will follow her in her future work.

The School also regrets the departure of Miss Helen Peck Young, who has been for two years its efficient secretary. During Miss Young's first year of service to the School there was a great addition to her labors because Miss Plummer, as President of the American Library Association, had the responsibility of planning and arranging for the program of the Asbury Park meeting. During this last year she has in many ways supplemented the inexperience of a new principal. Her work has been thoroughly accurate, her courtesy charming, her readiness to help unfailing. The School regrets exceedingly that appointment to an important secretaryship in another educational institution has led to her withdrawal from the School.

Miss Isabelle M. Cooper, who has kindly carried the work of instruction in Cataloguing in addition to the heavy responsibilities of Central Circulation, gives up the school work in order to devote all her time to Central Circulation. Her work has been thoroughly satisfactory.

To fill the vacancies caused by these resignations, the following have been appointed:

Miss Mary E. Hyde as instructor in Cataloguing. Miss Hyde graduated from Leland Stanford Jr. University in 1901 and from the New York Library School in 1904. She was connected with the California Academy of Science as editorial assistant and as assistant librarian 1903-1906. She was head cataloguer of the San Francisco Public Library 1909-1913; and she has been instructor in library science in the Simmons College Library School 1913 to the present time. In addition to instruction in Cataloguing, she will also carry a part of the work of instruction in library economy.

Miss Marie A. Newberry as instructor in Library Economy and School Librarian. Miss Newberry takes part of the work of Miss Tracey and is also to be the Supervisor of Training for the Training Course for Junior Assistants. Miss Newberry is a graduate of the University of Michigan and of the Library School of The New York Public Library and has served in the reference department of the library since 1913.

WORK OF THE SPRING TERM

Senior lectures during the spring term were:

- April 3. The organization of a librarian's office. Robert R. Finster.
- April 4. Library finances. Beatrice Winsor.
- April 10. Reference books in philosophy and religion. C. H. A. Bjerregaard.
- April 11. Commission work. (2 lectures.) Alice S. Tyler.
- April 17. Reference books in the social sciences. Adelaide Hasse.
- April 17. Office equipment and appliances. Mr. Grumpelt.
- April 18. How to make a library successful. Sarah B. Askew.
- April 24. Problems of a theological library. Julia Pettee.
- April 25. How to adjust library ideals to the conditions found in an old established library. Corinne Bacon.
- May 1. Reference books in the applied sciences. Eleanor H. Frick.
- May 1. The problems of a business library. Marion R. Glenn.
- May 2. How to continue library training after graduation. James I. Wyer, Jr.
- May 8. Reference books in the fine arts. Susan A. Hutchinson.
- May 8. Problems of an engineering library. Harrison W. Craver.
- May 9. The librarian's obligation to his profession. June R. Donnelley.
- May 15. The problems of a botanical library. Ray Simpson.
- May 22. Reference books in European history. Isadore G. Mudge.
- May 22. Problems of a legal library. Franklin O. Poole.
- May 23. Graphic methods of presenting statistics. Arthur R. Burnet.
- May 29. Reference books in American history. Victor H. Paltsits.
- May 29. Problems of a medical library. Frank Place, Jr.

Junior lectures by outside speakers during the spring term were:

- April 4. Twentieth century librarianship. Lutie E. Stearns.
- April 11. Library buildings. William R. Eastman.
- April 11. Creating an interest in the public library. Alice S. Tyler.
- April 12. Bibliographical treasures. Henrietta C. Bartlett.
- April 12. Library buildings. William R. Eastman.
- April 13. Library buildings. William R. Eastman.
- April 19. Library buildings. William R. Eastman.
- April 20. Library buildings. William R. Eastman.
- April 20. Library legislation. William R. Eastman.
- April 25. Libraries and Americanization. John F. Carr.
- May 2. Book publishers. Margaret Jackson.
- May 3. Book publishers. Margaret Jackson.
- May 9. Recollections of the early A. L. A. meetings. Caroline Hewins.
- May 11. The pioneers of the American Library Association. R. R. Bowker.
- May 16. The elementary school library problems. Annie C. Moore.
- May 18. Construction librarianship. Annie C. Moore.
- May 31. Travelling libraries. Forrest B. Spaulding.

FACULTY ACTIVITIES

Mr. Root represented the School at the Louisville meeting of the American Library Association and read a paper on "The future of the Library School" at the professional training section. He also spoke at the first meeting of the newly organized Staff Association of the Brooklyn Public Library on "Library School training as practical experience," and spoke to the Training Class on "Why go to Library School."

Miss Sutliff conducted library institutes at Nyack and Woodville and gave three talks on "Modern Poetry" to the Training Class.

Miss Tracey gave two talks on "The progress of a book from the order department to the shelves" to the Training Class.

COMMENCEMENT

The commencement exercises took place on Friday, June 8th, at 11 a. m. in room 213. Mr. Henry W. Taft of the Board of Trustees presided. The commencement address on "The Library Public" was delivered by Mr. George Parker Winship, librarian of the Widener Collection of the Harvard University Library, after which the statement of the year's work was read by the principal. The diplomas were presented by Mr. Taft and the certificates by Mr. William W. Appleton, chairman of the committee on circulation. Theses presented for graduation were eleven in number, with the following titles:

- The community center library.
- Library helps for rural communities.
- Fiction and public libraries.
- How libraries have fared under the commission form of government.
- Importance and use of the normal school library.
- Changes of emphasis in library work, 1876-1916.
- Efficiency and scientific management in libraries.
- Great private book collections in the U. S. since 1890.
- Library work with recent immigrants.
- The use of social surveys for library purposes.
- A study of juvenile periodicals and juvenile departments in adult periodicals.

Twelve bibliographies were prepared and presented by the remainder of the class on the following subjects:

Biographies of English librarians.
 Agricultural extension by colleges.
 History of the express business.
 Novels dealing with school life.
 Some bibliographies and bibliographical notes included in books.
 Annotated list of French books for children.
 Origin of place names in the United States.
 20th century French poetry.
 A list of cumulative indexes to periodicals and society transactions.
 Foreign population of New York City.
 Diplomatic service of the United States.
 Construction of factory buildings.

The following persons were granted diplomas:

Rachel Rhodes Anderson, Portland, Ore.	Lenore Greene, N. Y. C.
Corabel Bien, Washington, D. C.	Mabel Almy Howe, N. Y. C.
Marguerite Boardman, Claremont, Cal.	Maire Monica Kelly, N. Y. C.
Marjorie Church Burbank, N. Y. C.	Henrietta Marie Mackzum, N. Y. C.
Frances Grace Burdick, Glenfield, N. Y.	Maude Durlin Merritt, Erie, Penn.
Donald Kenneth Campbell, Nashua, N. H.	Jennie Meyrowitz, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Inez Crandle, Mauch Chunk, Penn.	Jessie Scott Millener, Ashland, Neb.
Edna Adelia Dixon, N. Y. C.	Eunice Hotaling Miller, N. Y. C.
Laura Mary Eberlin, Spokane, Wash.	Edith Stell Newcomet, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Sheldon Fletcher, Linden, Mich.	Katherine Delia Steele, Princeton, Ill.
Claire Graefe, Sandusky, O.	Josephine McKee Stults, Morristown, N. J.
Edith Irene Wright, Springfield, Vt.	

The following persons were granted certificates:

Cecilie Catharina Andresen, Kristiania, Norway.	Muriel Augusta Crooks, Staten Island, N. Y.
Florence Behr, San Diego, Cal.	Gail Curtis, Lansing, Mich.
Laura Marie Jeanne Bertemy, N. Y. C.	Florence De Leon, Pleasantville, N. Y.
Louise Marie Boerlage, Amsterdam, Holland.	Eleanor ffolliott Duncan, Dublin, Ire.
Ellen McBryde Brown, Arrington, Va.	Edith Gantt, North Platte, Neb.
Martha Johnston Brown, St. Joseph, Mo.	Helen Wark Grannis, Yonkers, N. Y.
Louise Patterson Bull, North Middletown, Ky.	Mamie O'Bryan Groesbeck, Little Rock, Ark.
	Sigrid Charlotte Holt, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

Ethel Frances Holzberg, Cincinnati, O.	Frances Lamb Metcalf, Cedar Rapids, Ia.
Elizabeth Killmaster Hoyt, Harrisville, Mich.	Delia Wheelock Steele Nicholson, Kansas City, Mo.
Helen Hamilton Janeway, Media, Pa.	Jeanie Douglas Macpherson Reid, Peace Dale, R. I.
Katharine Downer Kendig, Glen Ridge, N. J.	Martha Rosentreter, N. Y. C.
Karl Henry Koopman, Providence, R. I.	Ruth Saxton, N. Y. C.
Elta Lenart, Minneapolis, Minn.	Florence Hazel Severs, Cove, Ore.
Lurene McDonald, Toronto, Can.	Marian Shaw, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Dorothy Margaret McMillan, Dover, N. J.	Elizabeth Hutter Stewart, Omaha, Neb.
Harriet Dorothea MacPherson, College Point, N. Y.	Janet Hasbrouck Vrooman, Kingston, N. Y.
Winifred Balch Mahon, Duluth, Minn.	Winifred Washburn, Seattle, Wash.
	Dorothy Watson, Portland, Ore.
	Katharine Elliott Wheeler, N. Y. C.

The annual dinner of the School was held Thursday, June 7, at the Park Avenue Hotel, over one hundred students and alumni being present.

Immediately following the dinner the fifth annual meeting of the Alumni Association took place. The principal business was formulation of plans for the support of the Mary Wright Plummer Memorial Loan Fund, which has been started by this year's senior class. The purpose of this fund, when established, will be to loan small sums of money, without interest, to the undergraduates. Marion P. Greene, the retiring president, was appointed chairman of the committee to accept contributions, and already some have been received from individual members of the alumni. Contributions will not be limited to former students, however, and friends of Miss Plummer and of the School will be invited to contribute, should they care to do so.

Resolutions were adopted expressing the association's regret at the departure of Mr. Root as principal of the School and the resignation of Miss Tracey, who has been a member of the faculty since the School's inception, and the secretary was also instructed to convey the greeting of the association to Ernest J. Reece, the incoming principal.

The officers elected were as follows: President, Alice K. O'Connor; vice-president, Minerva E. Grimm; secretary and treasurer, Forrest B. Spaulding (reelected), Miss Johanna L. Olschewsky.

THE TRAINING COURSE FOR JUNIOR ASSISTANTS

The training course for junior assistants of The New York Public Library has been reorganized and placed under the general oversight of the Principal of the Library School.

Miss Marie A. Newberry of the School faculty is in immediate charge of the course. A new circular, giving the course of instruction, has just been issued. The training course aims to train applicants for work as junior assistants in the circulation department of The New York Public Library, and to prepare for entrance examination those who desire to eventually enter the Library School of The New York Public Library.

About seventy persons are in correspondence with the supervisor concerning the training course and twenty have already made formal application for admission. The entrance examination, covering the field of general information, history and literature, will be given on August 31st. Instruction will begin September 10th.

The training course is entirely distinct from the Library School and should not be confused with it. Correspondence concerning the training course should be addressed, Supervisor of Training, Room 73, 476 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

ALUMNI

Miss Dorothy Kent, a graduate of the first class of the School, died at Sparkill, New York, on July 2nd after a long illness. After leaving the Library School, Miss Kent was a member of the Staff of the Hamilton Fish Branch of The New York Public Library. Leaving there she became the head of the circulation department in the Free Public Library of Trenton, New Jersey. Her last position was that of librarian of the South Side High School, Newark, New Jersey. Miss Kent was elected secretary and treasurer of the New Jersey School Librarians' Association at its organization in 1915.

Mr. Forrest B. Spaulding (1913) is rejoicing in the arrival of a son, John Pierson Spaulding, born June 25th. Mr. Spaulding has been appointed librarian of the Des Moines Public Library, Iowa, and has resigned his position as superintendent of travelling libraries in The New York Public Library to take effect August 31st.

Miss Isabel E. Weadock (1914) is now librarian of the Detroit Museum of Detroit, Mich.

Miss Lillian Hodge (1915) is now in the Highland Park High School Library, Detroit, Mich.

Miss Margaret Calfee (1915) has resigned as librarian of the Medical Department of the University of Texas. Her resignation takes effect August 31st.

Miss Kathryn E. Rothschild who nearly completed the Junior year, 1916-1917, was married to Mr. Julius Blum on the 28th of June.

Mr. and Mrs. John Burdette Cutler of Jersey City, N. J., announce the arrival of a son, John Padgitt Cutler, June 13, 1917. Mrs. Cutler was formerly Miss Katharine Fort Isham (1913).